

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 10/530,674
Attorney Docket No. Q87401

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Submitted herewith please find one (1) sheet of drawings, for Figure 6, in compliance with the 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d). The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of this drawing.

The submitted drawing incorporates the language --Prior Art-- indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action dated December 6, 2005.

Attachment: One (1) Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are all the claims pending in the application.

Figure 6 should be labeled as "Prior Art" because only that which is old is illustrated.

The disclosure is objected to because of certain informalities.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1 & 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Miyamoto et al. (WO 99/41825).

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maekawa et al. (JP 2002-136096) in view of Miyamoto et al. (WO 99/41825).

The Applicants traverse the rejections and request reconsideration.

Formal Matters

The drawings have been objected to. The Applicants respectfully submit replacement drawings with the drawings with Fig. 6 marked "Prior Art," to overcome the objections.

The Examiner contends that the Specification should not contain references to the claims. Although it is believed that there is no specific requirement as such, for a speedier prosecution the Applicants amend the Specification accordingly.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Applicants revise the claims overcome their rejection based on section 112.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Rejection of claims 1 & 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) based on Miyamoto et al.

In Maekawa et al., (WO 99/41825), the motor has a mover 3 (rotor) including separated block cores 31, 32 and 33 arranged in a moving direction of the mover 3. Each of the block cores 31, 32 and 33 has polyphase balancing windings (for example, armature coils 5 forming U-phase, V-phase and W-phase). However, D1 does not teach providing a **plurality of movers** as required by the present invention.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." MPEP 2131 *citing Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The present invention, as recited in claim 1, is not anticipated by Maekawa at least because it does not disclose providing a plurality of movers.

Claims 2-5 are dependant on claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reasons.

Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Rejection of claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) based on Maekawa et al. in view of Miyamoto et al.

Miyamoto is not believed to overcome the deficiencies in the teachings of Maekawa noted above.

Further, in document Miyamoto (JP-A-2002-136096), an armature core has a plurality of block cores 531 which are sequentially jointed. In Fig. 2, from left side to right side of the

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jointed block cores 531, three U-phase coils, three V-phase coils and three W-phase coils are arranged in this order. However, D2 does not teach **providing a plurality of movers**.

Therefore, the combined teachings of Maekawa and Miyamoto does not suggest the present invention as recited in claims 1-5.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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